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The Lord Mayor and the Constable. Lord Mayor Frank Green (who has been doing his duty manfully) on the 16th inst. had the satisfaction of paying a tribute to one of the brave men of the Metropolitan Police. After heartily complimenting Police-constable Styles, who, at great risk to himself, rescued two women from a burning house at Rotherhithe, his Lordship presented him with the bronze medal of the Royal Society for the Protection of Life from Fire, and a gift of money.

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BULLER'S WELCOME HOME BY HIS QUEEN AND NATIVE COUNTY.

HOME, SWEET HOME! It is only by recalling the vast difficulties General Sir Redvers Buller and his brave men had to surmount in the face of a valiant enemy, the sustained anxiety he experienced, besides the dangers he cheerily encountered in Natal and in the Transvaal, that one can gauge this stern soldier's delight at seeing his Devon home again. There was to be found complete rest at last—a compensation for fatigues undergone more solacing than the cheers of the street, civic honour, congratulations of his Queen and comrades. Duty kept Sir Redvers Buller in London for some days after his welcome at Waterloo on Monday week. It is understood he had to arrange with his staunch friend and colleague for years, F.-M. Lord Wolseley, the Commander-in-Chief till "Bobs" returns, what honours should be bestowed upon his officers and all who had distinguished themselves most in the hard-fighting campaign. He was on Saturday last, with Lady Audrey Buller, invited by Her Majesty to Windsor Castle, where, after a right hearty greeting at the station from the Mayor of the Royal borough, he and his wife had the honour of dining with Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales and Princesses. Be sure there came from the outspoken General (thinned by the hardships of war, and looking much healthier than when he went out) a generous tribute to the gallant young Prince who lost his life in South Africa. Saturday night was spent at the Castle; Sunday at Littlecote Hall, near the little Berkshire town of Hungerford; and on Monday General and Lady Audrey Buller, having run the gauntlet of the warm-hearted Devonshire reception, had the pleasure of reaching their home at Downes, Crediton, a cosy mansion in a noble park rich with the verdure for which Devon is as famed as it is for the pluck of its sons: no troops fought better or with more persistence in South Africa than the Devons did; and doubtless it is their high appreciation of his leadership that Sir Redvers Buller values most in his old home at Crediton.

The Queen and the Trusty Colonial Soldiers.

In "Under the Union Jack"—which, we are glad to know, met with immediate favour from the myriad readers of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*—one of the most spirited pictures is Mr. R. Caton Woodville's Drawing of Her Majesty inspecting the cheering Guards at Windsor prior to their departure for the War. A companion scene will be the Queen's inspection of the home-coming Canadians and Household Cavalry Regiment. Meantime, our well-loved Sovereign has not been slow to show her warm appreciation of the services of her self-sacrificing Australian soldiers—gallant representatives of that rising Commonwealth—that "Greater Britain" in time to come—to which Her Majesty is sending her sailor grandson, the Duke of York, early in the new century. Close upon a hundred of these intrepid Volunteers from the Colonies, with some few of our dashing and serviceable Imperial Yeomanry, commanded by Major Synge, had the honour of being inspected on Friday of last week by the Queen, who was wheeled in her chair into the Waterloo Chamber, and won all hearts by the womanly sympathy she evinced to the most notable—such as Sergeant Legge, New South Wales, one of six brothers who fought for Queen and Empire, all well except one, who was killed in action. It can be imagined with what fervour the men drank the toast of "The Queen" at the luncheon given them by the public-spirited Mayor of Windsor in the Town Hall.

First Meeting of Lord Salisbury's Reconstituted Cabinet.

Some of the new figures in the Marquis of Salisbury's reconstituted Cabinet were sketched last Saturday afternoon by a *P.I.P.* Artist as the Ministers, in obedience to the Premier's sudden summons, proceeded to the Foreign Office to take part in the first Cabinet Council since Her Majesty sanctioned the fresh appointments. The comparatively young Ministers who are now, for the first time, assuming greater responsibility, will perhaps frankly recognise the sterling ability and devotion to duty of

HER MAJESTY INSPECTING THE COLONIAL VOLUNTEERS AND IMPERIAL YEOMANRY HOME FROM THE WAR, IN THE WATERLOO CHAMBER AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

their predecessors, Mr. Goschen, Sir Matthew White Ridley, and Mr. Chaplin, whose services are not likely to go unrewarded by the Queen. Mr. Chamberlain, the only absent member of the Cabinet, is enlarging his experience and seeking relaxation in the autumn trip, which, beginning at Gib., carried him to Malta, Naples, and Rome, and is not unlikely to be fraught with good results in binding Italy still closer to England.

THE PRESENT CABINET.

Prime Minister and Lord Privy Seal	Lord Salisbury.
Lord Chancellor	Lord Halsbury.
Lord President of the Council	Duke of Devonshire.
Chancellor of the Exchequer	Sir M. Hicks Beach.
Home Secretary	Mr. Ritchie.
Foreign Secretary	Lord Lansdowne.
Colonial Secretary	Mr. Chamberlain.
Secretary for War	Mr. Brodrick.
Secretary for India	Lord George Hamilton.
Secretary for Scotland	Lord Balfour of Burleigh.
First Lord of the Admiralty	Lord Selborne.
First Lord of the Treasury	Mr. A. J. Balfour.
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland	Lord Cadogan.
Lord Chancellor of Ireland	Lord Ashbourne.
President of the Board of Trade	Mr. Gerald Balfour.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	Lord James of Hereford.
President of Local Government Board	Mr. Walter Long.
President of the Board of Agriculture	Mr. Hanbury.
Works and Public Buildings	Mr. Akers Douglas.
Postmaster-General	Lord Londonderry.

Lord Rosebery's Position.

The very thoughtful speech the Earl of Rosebery made as Lord Rector of Glasgow University, its comprehensive range and its depth of sympathy with all classes of his fellows, should make Liberals regret the more his retirement from the political arena, and from the leadership of a great Party, the consolidation of which would do much to temper the action of the Government by that wholesome criticism which is likeliest to conduce to sound Imperial administration.

Mr. Kruger's Holiday.

The visit to Europe of the ex-President who brought about his own exile has naturally aroused enthusiasm among those French Anglophobes who delight in demonstrations calculated, as they think, to anger Great Britain. But it is well to remember that there is much that is manufactured about this Gallic frenzy. As a brave and determined, if obstinate, enemy, Oom Paul need not be grudged the welcome accorded him in Marseilles. The French Government merit hearty praise for their timely efforts to restrain the ebullitions likely to give offence to England. France should be judged by its millions of peace-loving citizens, as home-loving as ourselves, and by such reputable and sensible papers as *Le Figaro*, *Le Temps*, *Journal des Débats*, and *Siècle* rather than the ignoble and vulgar boulevard sheets. The Paris papers mentioned, representing the respectable classes in France, know full well what solid commercial advantage their country enjoys through intercourse with England, their best customers.

"But Save Our Old Nobility."

The United States have a double claim to our friendship and admiration. Not only have they won a cordial sentence from Lord Salisbury for their diplomatic support of England on various occasions since the Cuban War, but their Millionheiresses have come to the rescue of our impoverished nobles. They have most bountifully exchanged shekels for coronets. The latest matrimonial alliance of the kind came as a surprise upon London society. It was the

Marriage of the Duke of Manchester and Miss Zimmerman

at Marylebone Parish Church. News of the wedding was not forthcoming till Tuesday morning, though it is alleged to have taken place on the Wednesday of last week. It is reported to be a love-match, strongly opposed by the bride's father, Mr. Eugene Zimmerman, the Cincinnati "Railroad King." Born March 3, 1877, the Duke mates well as regards years (if not coin of the realm) with the new Duchess of Manchester, who is a beautiful blonde of twenty-one. They have spent the first part of the honeymoon at the Duke's Irish seat, Tanderagee Castle, in Ireland; and are expected to start for America on Saturday to brave the stormy ocean—and an irate father.

THE CHINA TROUBLE.

THE decision to send a **New British Flying Squadron** to Hong-Kong waters is judicious. We must have adequate force to support our obligations in China.

Count von Waldersee and Li.

A Reuter's despatch to Berlin from Peking, dated Nov. 15, states that Count von Waldersee received Prince Chiug and Li-Hung-Chang on that day at the Imperial Palace, Baron von Goltz acting as interpreter. The Field-Marshal demanded that the Chinese troops should be withdrawn from the vicinity of the territory occupied by the Allies, and added that if that were done the despatch of military expeditions would be discontinued.

Meantime, we learn that the French column which left Peking on Nov. 6, entered Tungling after a battle in which 300 Boxers were placed *hors de combat*. The French sustained no loss. Reuter adds that the Imperial Tombs have been occupied.

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THE BOER WAR.

IT is earnestly to be hoped the good news is true that Lord Roberts may now be expected to leave South Africa for England before Christmas, since his daughter is, happily, recovering from the attack of enteric fever from which she has been suffering at Johannesburg. Lord Roberts's services are so valuable to the Empire at large that it is obviously essential he should run no unnecessary risk in the Transvaal now the Capital and chief towns have been occupied by his forces, and the Transvaal and Orange Free State are both formally annexed to Great Britain. He is wanted at home. His clear head, fair mind, and unrivalled military experience are needed at the War Office to put into train that rational Army Reorganisation which is imperatively needed to secure the safety of the kingdom. The heroic Commander-in-Chief will, therefore, do well to

Leave Lord Kitchener

to settle the Boer dacoits, who are pursuing a guerilla warfare resembling that which prevailed for some time in Burma after the war in that country, and that had to be suppressed. The Durban *Mercury* publishes a report that Lord Kitchener has decided to depopulate the towns in the Transvaal, owing to the difficulty of dealing with an enemy when hampered by a civilian population.

Lord Kitchener arrived at Newcastle on Wednesday se'nnight, having travelled with his staff in Mr. Steyn's carriage. On the following day the General left for Ladysmith, where he was met by the Governor. Lord Kitchener passed through Standerton on Sunday on his return from Natal. The Boers still fighting under De Wet and Botha and Delarey will do well to capitulate while they can, or they must take the consequences.

Lindley Reoccupied.

General Bruce Hamilton's column marched at 3.30 a.m. on Nov. 9 from Swartz Farm, and arrived at Lindley at nine o'clock. The mounted troops were in touch with the enemy, who followed at a distance, sniping them continuously.

Vryheid Besieged.

The garrison of Vryheid has evacuated the town and occupied a position on the adjacent hills, where it is practically being besieged.

The garrison has supplies for six months. The Boers have been warned that if they attempt to reoccupy Vryheid the town will be destroyed. Vryheid is in the South-Eastern Transvaal, eighty miles from Ladysmith.

"Bobs" his Own Special Correspondent.

Lord Roberts cabled from Johanesburg on Nov. 16—

Barton and Douglas occupied Klerksdorp to-day without opposition. The former advanced from Potchefstroom, the latter from Ventersdorp. Douglas had some desultory fighting each day with Liebenberg's Commando, who endeavoured to protect their cattle, but would not make any stand. Our casualties were three men wounded. We captured five prisoners and a large number of sheep and cattle.

A Party of the 2nd Coldstream Guards were attacked by the Boers on Nov. 14 near Potchefstroom, while clearing away a temporary bridge. Two men were killed, and one man and Lieutenant Herbert-Stepney were wounded, the latter in the hand, slight.

General Hunter,

who has relieved Kelly-Kenny in command of Bloemfontein, reports that Lieutenant-Colonel White's advance party met some of the enemy near Abraham's Kraal on Nov. 13. Lieutenant Mainwaring, 29th Company Imperial Yeomanry, was wounded in the thigh and chest, severe. One man of the same company was killed and one wounded.

Major Welch,

Hampshire Regiment, and two men of the R.H.A., wounded near Bothaville on Nov. 6, have died, Lord Roberts adds with regret. Colonel Ross is still dangerously ill, but improving. The rest of the officers and men wounded on the same occasion are doing well.

Colonel Mahon's Departure.

Colonel Mahon (who so gallantly led the "B.-P." relief expedition to Mafeking) left Pretoria on Nov. 17 for Egypt.

The Moonlight Charge of Hussars near Lydenburg

was described in an earlier despatch from Lord Roberts. It occurred on Nov. 7, and the surprise is placed to the credit of F. Kitchener: A mounted party of 19th Hussars and Manchester Mounted Infantry, under Captain Chetwode, managed to pass through the Boer outposts, and while the latter engaged the enemy's picquets the Hussars charged the Boers by moonlight, sabring many of them.

Captain Chetwode, Lieutenant Parsons, Corporal Smith, and Private Aldridge behaved with great gallantry, but with the rest of the Hussars, would probably have suffered severely, as they got into bad ground, had they not been well supported by the mounted infantry under Captains Bridgford and Crichton.

In the morning a column of artillery and infantry joined Chetwode's party, and helped to complete the rout of the enemy, who are said to have lost heavily. Our casualties were one killed and three wounded.

Lance-Corporal Preston and Private Bell, of the Manchester Mounted Infantry, showed conspicuous bravery during the night engagement.

Fight at Thaba N'chu.

An engagement took place at Thaba N'chu on Nov. 16. The British losses were Lieutenant Paxton and three men killed, and one man severely wounded, all belonging to the 2nd Bedford Regiment.

On the same date there was a skirmish at Rhenoster, in which one man of the New South Wales Mounted Infantry was mortally and two men dangerously wounded. At Vrede two men of the 2nd Manchester Regiment were killed.

The Cost of the War,

we have it on the high authority of Sir Michael Hicks Beach, is to be partly defrayed by the Boer gold-mines (the extraordinary richness of which, by the way, was first made public in England by *The Penny Illustrated Paper* before Johannesburg sprang into existence). Sir Charles Dilke supported the Chancellor of the Exchequer's reasonable idea in advance. In a recent speech at Coleford, Sir Charles said: "I think that a great deal of money is obtainable from the untouched underground mineral rights which were the property of the Transvaal Government, and which were valued at a very high figure before the war when in the possession of the Republic. There is also the profit to the Transvaal State from the Netherlands Railway, upon which I believe a large loan could be raised."

General Buller's Neat Speech in reply to the Windsor address of welcome last Saturday deserves to be quoted: "I am very much obliged to you for the reception you have given me, the more so, as I confess it was so entirely unexpected. I am afraid we are not the conjurers you attribute us to be. What we had to do was a difficult job certainly, and it was done with considerable difficulty, but it was done because the men were determined to do it, and therefore I think that was the secret of our success. In these days we fight, and we must do so, to get over difficulties. I am very much obliged to you."

F.-M. Lord Wolseley has intimated to the Army his desire that during the winter months commanding officers will arrange for a systematic course of lectures in military subjects to all ranks under their command.

Windsor Prepares for "Bobs." — The Mayor of Windsor (Mr. Walter Reavell) presided on Saturday at an influential meeting held at the Windsor Guildhall for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of Lord Roberts and such troops as may shortly be expected to return to the Royal town from South Africa. About £600 or £1000 is required, of which over £100 has already been offered.

Saturday's Great Storm: Gallant Rescue off Broadstairs.—The iron screw-steamer *Sir Robert Peel*, from Dunkirk to London, with general cargo, had her shaft broken in the tempestuous seas last Saturday night. She narrowly escaped colliding in her disabled condition with the North Goodwin Light-ship. The Broadstairs life-boat, *Francis Forbes Barton*, put off to her assistance, and succeeded in conveying a hawser from the disabled ship to a tug, but was considerably damaged in so doing. The *Sir Robert Peel*, with her crew of eleven hands and two French passengers, was brought into Ramsgate in safety. The Frenchmen speak in the highest terms of the bravery and skill of the life-boat men. Last Sunday the Norwegian ship *Flink* put into Newhaven through stress of weather, having on board the crew of four men of the ketch *General Stewart*, bound from Rochester to Jersey, which foundered on Thursday week off Dungeness in the gale. The men were rescued from an open boat. A violent gale also raged at Yarmouth, shutting up the herring fleets in the harbour. Peggotty's Hut at Yarmouth (made historical by Charles Dickens in "David Copperfield") is to be sold by auction, by the way.

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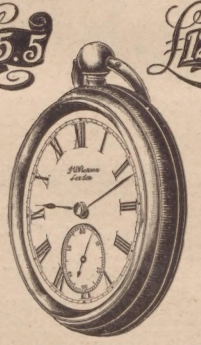

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HER MAJESTY has once more shown her appreciation of bravery by conferring the Victoria Cross on Mr. Basil John Douglas Guy. The recipient of this much-coveted distinction is a midshipman attached to H.M.S. *Barfleur*. From the training-ship *Britannia* he passed to the *Barfleur* in 1898. His two and a half years' service has been spent entirely in the Far East, and with advantage alike to himself and the British Navy, of which he is now an ornament. The act which won for the young officer the premier honour in the service took place in the course of the storming of Tientsin on July last. Under an excessively hot fire he remained with and sympathetically attended a dan able seaman who had been wounded. In the end he helped to carry the poor fellow across a fire-swept zone. Such acts bespeak the genuine Briton.

MR. B. J. DOUGLAS GUY.

The Queen has consented to lend nine pictures from the Royal collection to next year's exhibition at Glasgow.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon. Sidney Greville, left Marlborough House on Monday afternoon for Castle Rising, Norfolk, on a visit to Lord and Lady Farquhar.

The Prince of Wales has intimated to the Lord Mayor of Belfast through Lord Cadogan that he hopes to pay his visit to Belfast towards the end of next April. The Prince and Princess of Wales will be the guests of Lord and Lady Londonderry during their stay in the North.

Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein have, on receiving an address of condolence forwarded to them by Captain Walter Campbell, on behalf of 212 employés in the Royal parks, sent the following reply: "Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park. Dear Captain Campbell,—I am desired to say that Prince and Princess Christian hope that all those who in the various departments of Windsor Great Park have signed the address to Their Royal Highnesses will accept their heartfelt thanks for the very kind expression of sympathy with them in their great sorrow. Their Royal Highnesses most deeply appreciate the touching terms in which their son is mentioned by those who had known him from his boyhood, as well as the reference to Prince Christian Victor's good services to his Queen and country. Prince and Princess Christian are very sensible of the remembrance of them at this sad time."

The Czar's Attack of Typhoid Fever, following influenza, naturally alarmed his relatives in Denmark. His Imperial Majesty was progressing satisfactorily, happily, at the time we went to press. Owing to more reassuring news from Livadia, the Russian Empress-Dowager will remain at Copenhagen until Nov. 27 in order to be with her father, King Christian, on his birthday, Nov. 26. The Heir-Presumptive of Russia, the Grand Duke Michael, promptly left Fredensborg for St. Petersburg. We deeply regret to hear that the Czarina, who is looking forward to "a happy event," is said to be also not quite well at Livadia, where a son is hoped for.

The Cause of the Czar's Critical Illness is attributed by the *Daily Mail's* St. Petersburg Correspondent to a simple cause: "I learn that typhoid was set up during the attack of influenza by incautiously drinking fresh water."

The Woman who Threw a Hatchet at the Kaiser is clearly mad. The Central News' Berlin man says: "The woman Selina Schnapka, who on Friday attempted to assault the Emperor William, was on Saturday afternoon brought before the police-court at Breslau. Asked by the presiding judge why she had been led to make an attempt at assault upon the Emperor, she replied: "I did it because I am continually persecuted by certain people who are following the orders of the Empress." The Court ordered a further examination into the prisoner's state of mind. Meantime she has been sent to a lunatic asylum.

The Emperor William has expressed his desire that no further reference to the incident shall be made in his presence, and that publicly it shall be treated as of trivial importance.

The Queen of Holland's Wedding.—It is stated that Thursday, Jan 31, has been provisionally fixed for the marriage of Queen Wilhelmina, but no official announcement on the subject has yet been made.

Regent of Sweden and Norway.—The health of King Oscar of Sweden is causing much anxiety—so much, indeed, that the aged monarch has appointed the Crown Prince to carry on the government. King Oscar II. is in his seventy-first year, having been born on Jan. 21, 1829. Third son of Oscar I., he succeeded to the throne on the death of his elder brother, Carl XV., in September

1872. He was married in 1857 to Sophia, daughter of the late Duke Wilhelm of Nassau. King Oscar II. is the fourth Sovereign of the House of Ponte Corvo, and grandson of Marshal Bernadotte, Prince de Ponte Corvo, who was elected heir-apparent of the Crown of Sweden by the Parliament of the kingdom in 1810, and ascended the throne in 1818 under the name of Carl XIV. He was succeeded at his death in 1844 by his only son Oscar, who died in 1859, and was succeded by his eldest son, Carl XV., at whose premature death, without male children, the crown fell to Oscar II. King Oscar is well known in England owing to his frequent visits. He spent two months here last year, living at Grove House, Roehampton. In addition to a knack of writing songs, he has translated Goethe's "Faust" into Swedish.

The Crown Prince, lately appointed Regent, is in his forty-third year. He is known by his second name, Gustaf, and by the title of Duke of Vermeland. In 1881 he married Princess Victoria of Baden, whose grandmother was a Princess of Sweden of the house of Holstein-Gottorp-Vasa. Princess Victoria is a niece of the late Emperor William I. of Germany.

A Terrible Railway Accident occurred in France on Thursday, the 15th inst. The Southern express from Madrid for Paris, travelling at high speed, about noon fell over an embankment near Dax, at a point where the line curves sharply. The catastrophe happened when the passengers were at luncheon in the restaurant-car, the train being then close to St. Vincent de Tirosse, in the Department of the Landes, between Bordeaux and Dax. The train had left Irun at 10 a.m., and was due at Bordeaux at 1.30 p.m., and at Paris at 7.15 p.m. It was about twelve o'clock, and the train was travelling at a speed of sixty miles an hour. Most of the passengers had taken their places in the restaurant-car, where they had nearly finished luncheon, when a violent shock threw them against one another. The locomotive had left the rails, and so far as the eye-witnesses were able to state, had reared in the air, and had then fallen in a mass on the restaurant-car, its great weight literally crushing a portion of it to pieces. The part of the wagon which was destroyed contained the kitchen, and the waiters, the cook, his help, and a washer-up, who were in it, were crushed to death beneath the enormous weight of the engine. In the other part of the car the passengers fared variously. Thrown one against the other, and against the sides of the car, or struck by the broken débris, or the utensils which were on the table, some were instantly killed, others were seriously injured, while yet others escaped with bruises or a shaking. Only fifteen passengers booked by the train in Madrid, and five reported themselves alive after the accident. Spanish official advices say that there are sixteen dead and fourteen injured.

Valetta Harbour is one of the finest known. It has such a depth of water that the largest vessels can anchor alongside the shore. There is an extensive arsenal, with an excellent dockyard, for Malta is the headquarters of the Mediterranean Fleet. The island is very strongly

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fortified. The climate, although not actually tropical, is very hot in summer. British rule is administered by a Governor, who has the help of an Executive Council consisting of seven official and three unofficial members, and by a Legislative Council comprised of six official and thirteen elected members. The Governor is the President of both Councils.

Mr. Justice Stirling has been appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in the place of Sir Archibald Levin Smith, new Master of the Rolls. Mr. Justice Stirling was the Senior Judge of the Chancery Division. He was born in 1836 at Aberdeen, and was the son of a Presbyterian minister. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1860, and was appointed Junior Equity Counsel to the Treasury in 1881, being appointed a Judge of the Chancery Division in 1886. The appointment will be a popular one, especially among the Chancery lawyers. Sir James Stirling, who has been a Judge nearly fifteen years, is one of the most accomplished men on the Bench. He was Senior Wrangler and Smith's Prizeman in 1860. Like the new Master of the Rolls, he passed to the Bench straight from the Junior Bar. He is among the many Scotchmen who have attained distinction in the English courts. Mr. Ingle Joyce succeeds Mr. Justice Stirling as Judge of the Chancery Division.

MR. JUSTICE STIRLING.

A High Comedy Syndicate is the latest stage scheme in London. Mr. Martin Harvey, the romantic and poetic actor (who has taken Mr. H. B. Irving's place in "The Wedding Guest"), will, we understand, take an active part in the new venture. An early production will be a play by the Rev. Freeman Wills, author of "The Only Way." Another piece promised is a dramatisation of Marion Crawford's charming novel,

"A Cigarette-Maker's Romance." It is the story of a Russian nobleman, who, being unfairly treated by the trustees of his property, quits his native land and earns his living making cigarettes in Vienna. There he meets with a charming girl, who, ignorant of his rank, loves him devotedly. In due time the hero recovers his rightful position, and, recalling the beauty, innocence, and womanly charm of the poor cigarette-girl, makes her his wife. It is an admirable story admirably told, the characters of the principal personages being remarkably well drawn. Some of the situations will probably prove very effective on the stage.

Versatile Mr. Arthur Sturgess, who was busily engaged on the Drury Lane pantomime, has been unfortunately compelled to suspend his labours owing to ill-health. Mr. J. Hickory Wood is now assisting Mr. Arthur Collins in completing the pantomime of "The Sleeping Beauty," which, thanks to Mr. Sturgess's industry, is well in advance, and nearly ready for rehearsal.

Mr. Forbes Robertson.—The engagement of the chief of our younger tragedians to Miss Gertrude Elliott, the talented American actress, is an interesting item of social news. Mr. Forbes Robertson is a distinguished member of an accomplished family. He inherits his artistic gifts from his father, once a familiar figure in art criticism, and the author of "The Great Painters of Christendom." Mr. Forbes Robertson at first aspired to be a graphic artist, and attended the Royal Academy Schools. He displayed undoubted gifts, but a happy inspiration led Mr. Wills, the dramatist, to choose him—on account of his fine features—as the most suitable exponent of the part of Chastelard in "Marie Stuart." Mr. Forbes Robertson had his years of drudgery before he became a favourite. He had the good fortune to attract the favourable notice of Mr. Phelps, who was helpful to him, as Mr. John Hollingshead was later. The plays he has appeared in since he played leading business with Miss Mary Anderson at the Lyceum may be briefly recapitulated: "The Profligate," "La Tosca," "King Arthur," "Romeo and Juliet," "For the Crown," "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "Pelleas and Mélisande," and "The Moonlight Blossom." His recent engagement to one of the brightest of young American actresses has naturally drawn large audiences to the Kennington Theatre, to see the well-mated pair in "Hamlet."

MR. FORBES ROBERTSON.

"Henry V." will be produced at the Lyceum after Christmas in splendid style. Readers of this stirring play will remember its truly English and patriotic tone, and we quite anticipate that it will be one of the most brilliant revivals of modern days. Mr. Lewis Waller takes the title-rôle, and his manly and vigorous style, fine voice, and admirable delivery of blank verse will probably greatly advance his position as an actor.

"The Cricket on the Hearth," one of the most charming of Dickens's Christmas tales, is being performed this week at the Brixton Theatre by the Carl Rosa Company. Goldmark, the composer, is a famous musician whose grand opera, "The Queen of Sheba," is much admired in Germany. It was to have been performed at the Royal Opera, but objections were raised on account of the Biblical subject. The libretto of "The Cricket on the Hearth" has been somewhat elaborated in order to bring out the fairy element, of which a striking feature is made. It will hardly be recognised as the delightful little piece in which Mr. Toole used to play Caleb Plummer, the old toy-maker, with such humour and pathos; but having heard the music, we can pronounce it to be quite worthy of the composer's fame, and in every way charming. The Cricket and the Kettle are provided with extremely quaint and original themes. The opera has been performed with great success at Vienna.

"San Toy," after a year of success at Daly's Theatre, was produced a few days since in German at Vienna. It is quite staggering to hear that the composer was recalled a dozen times and crowned with laurel wreaths and pelted with flowers. Speaking of this tribute to a British composer, a cynical friend remarked, "The Viennese were only too glad to have a little cheerful music and pretty melodies after such doses of Wagner."

The Court Theatre, which has been somewhat under a cloud of late, will soon recover its former popularity under the management of the cordial and experienced Mr. Brickwell, who has secured a twenty-one years' lease of the theatre, and tells me that he intends to remodel the auditorium entirely. What is still more important is that Mr. Brickwell has secured two or three capital new plays of just the kind to please Court audiences.

Mr. Robert Buchanan.—The illness of the brilliant playwright, poet, and essayist caused no small anxiety to his wide circle of friends and admirers. A native of Caversham, Staffordshire, he was the son of a well-known Socialist, missionary, and journalist. Educated at Glasgow University, he came to London from Scotland in 1860, and won considerable fame as a literary man. His books are very widely read. In 1896 he became his own publisher. Yachting, fishing, horse-racing, cycling, and shooting were his favourite pastimes. Early in the summer Mr. Buchanan was suffering from influenza and inflammation of the lungs, and when improvement took place, he was able to leave his house at Clapham Common and proceed to France. About three months ago he cycled to Clapham from a place where he was staying, and then seemed to be almost himself again. That condition was maintained until he was seized with a paralytic fit, which affected the whole of one side of his body.

MR. ROBERT BUCHANAN.

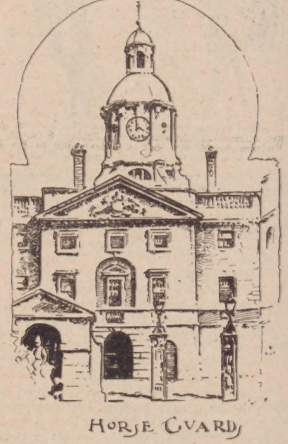
"The Swashbuckler," by Mr. Louis N. Parker produced last Saturday at the Court, provided Mr. Herbert Waring and Miss Evelyn Millard with effective costume parts. The play proved interesting as regards this pair of lovers, but not otherwise.

"Mikasa." Biggest Battle-Ship Afloat.—The Baroness Hayashi, the wife of the Baron Hayashi, of the Japanese Legation, recently performed at Barrow the ceremony of launching the new Japanese battle-ship, the *Mikasa*, the largest and most powerful vessel afloat. Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim took a special pride in her construction, as she is the first foreign war-ship built at Barrow. The *Mikasa* has a length of 400 ft., or over all 432 ft., her beam is 76 ft., and at a draft of 27 ft. 2 in. her displacement is about 15,150 tons. She will have engines of 15,000 horse-power, giving her a speed of over eighteen knots per hour. The *Mikasa's* chief distinction lies in her complete armour-belt of Harveyised nickel steel of Vickers' manufacture. This belt is of the nine inches thickness over a space of 156 ft. amidships, and it is carried forward and aft by armour tapering from seven to four inches.

The belt extends from 5 ft. 3 in. below the water-line to 2½ ft. above, and is there met by the 6-in. citadel armour. The *Mikasa's* armament is most formidable, comprising four 12-in. breech-loading guns, fourteen 6-in. quick-firers, twenty 12-pounder quick-firers, eight 3-pounder quick-firers, four 2½-pounder quick-firers, and four 18-in. torpedo tubes (two forward and two aft). In connection with the launch of a Japanese Government vessel, there is a picturesqueness apart from the fact of the presence of Japanese Government representatives. The national flower, the chrysanthemum, is a prominent feature, the bow of the vessel being decorated with natural and artificial blooms. As the vessel leaves the ways a hundred white pigeons are liberated from the deck of the war-ship, presumably to carry the intelligence to all points of the compass.

The New Royal Yacht.—An Admiralty order was received at Portsmouth, on Tuesday, directing that the new Royal yacht is to be completed for the Queen's use by May. As at present arranged, the new yacht's first appearance will be at Cowes during the regatta week.

The Horse Guards.—Our Sketch of the Horse Guards is familiar to soldier and civilian alike. The extensive range of buildings is so named because a troop of Horse Guards is constantly on duty there. The heavy structure is from a design of Kent, and was erected in 1753 at a cost of £300,000. Suitably located, the Horse Guards occupies the site of the Tilt Yard, a place for military exercises. The origin of the name is interesting. Soon after the Restoration, Charles II. raised a body of troops which he called his "Horse



Guards," their special duty being to protect the King's person. For this troop stables and barracks were built in the Tilt Yard, but in 1751 these were razed to make room for the present tasteless edifice. Accommodation for the men quartered here is provided by two lateral pavilions, which flank the east face of the main building. Here are the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, whose department is solely devoted to the government, discipline, and movements of the military. It is hoped on all hands that the coming retirement of Lord Wolseley from the onerous office he has so ably filled as Commander-in-Chief for the past five years will not terminate his illustrious career.

Deaths of Prominent Americans.—Mr. Henry Villard died of cancer in the throat at his residence at Aidsley-on-Hudson, near New York, on Nov. 12. He was principally known for his connection with the Northern Pacific Railway, of which he became president in 1881. Mr. Marcus Daly, of Montana, the Copper King, died at the Netherland Hotel in New York the same day. His death was due to Bright's disease, complicated by weakness of the heart.

THE YARMOUTH MYSTERY.

A SAD DOMESTIC TRAGEDY is the subject of common talk. Before the Yarmouth magistrates on the 16th inst., Herbert John Bennett, aged twenty-one, was brought up on remand, charged with the murder of his wife, Mary Jane, aged twenty-two, on Yarmouth Beach. The case excited an extraordinary amount of interest, and crowds of people assembled outside the Town Hall in the hope of seeing the accused, who was brought from Norwich and conveyed to the police cells in a cab. The magisterial investigation took place in the Quarter Sessions Court, a capacious apartment well suited for the purpose, and thanks to the excellent arrangements made by the officials, there was no semblance of overcrowding. Many ladies were present, and followed the proceedings with keen interest. Among these was Miss May Meadows, sister of Miss Alice Meadows, who was on the eve of being married to Bennett when he was arrested. The Mayor of Yarmouth presided, and there was a full bench of magistrates. Mr. C. J. Wiltshire, of Yarmouth, prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, and the prisoner was defended by Mr. Robb, of Tunbridge Wells.

Mr. Wiltshire then Proceeded to Open the Case.—He said he would that day prove the finding of the body of the deceased woman, then call medical evidence to prove the cause of death, and next show the prisoner's connection with the death. He recalled the fact that the dead woman's maiden name was Mary Jane Clark, that she gave lessons in music, that the prisoner made her acquaintance through taking lessons from her, and that they were eventually married, and a girl was born. Her father would say that he had not seen the prisoner for two years in consequence of a quarrel, that when he last saw his daughter she had a little girl three weeks old, and that the deceased's grandmother gave her a silver watch and chain. He (Mr. Wiltshire) mentioned that because a good deal turned on it. He was not going to put before the court prisoner's movements from the time of his marriage and until May last, because inquiries were now being made: but on May 12 the prisoner and his wife took rooms with Mrs. Elliston at Wickham Lane, Plumstead.

They were Frequently Heard Quarrelling. The prisoner told his wife that he would not live with her, asking her to go and take a house at Bexley Heath. The night before they left, Mrs. Elliston heard Mrs. Bennett say, "I could get you fifteen years," and the prisoner replied, "I wish you were dead, and if you do not look out you — soon will be." In the middle of June the prisoner went to lodge at Mrs. Parkhurst's, at Union Street, Woolwich, and was there introduced by a fellow lodger named Steevens to Alice Meadows, and afterwards he presented her as his intended wife. Prisoner next took a flat at Woolwich Road, and lived there as Mr. Bartlett. He wore a grey suit, a trilby hat, and curled his moustache. In July he took rooms at Bexley Heath, and put some furniture in them. All this time he had his rooms at 41, Union Street, and while he was there a telegram came for him, which Mrs. Parkhurst opened. The telegram stated: "Very ill; come at once to Bexley Heath." It was given to him when he returned home, and he said it was from his cousin. A good deal would be heard about the cousin as the case proceeded. Prisoner did not say anything to his landlady about his wife and child.

ON THE BEACH AT YARMOUTH, WHERE MRS. BENNETT'S BODY WAS FOUND.

Last August the Prisoner and Miss Meadows spent a holiday at Yarmouth, though the prisoner had afterwards said that he had never been there. They put up at the Crown and Anchor, but occupied separate rooms. On Aug. 28 they went to Ireland for a fortnight. On Sept. 15 Mrs. Bennett left Bexley Heath and went to Yarmouth, and stayed with the Rudrums. Alice Meadows saw Bennett on Thursday, Sept. 20, when he asked her to excuse him coming to see her the next Sunday. He said he was going to see his grandfather, who was very ill, at Gravesend; and that his cousin Fred, from Bexley Heath, was going with him. At that time prisoner suggested to Miss Meadows that they should get married at Christmas. On Friday, Sept. 21, Mrs. Rudrum would say that a letter came to her house addressed to Mrs. Hood, and bearing the Woolwich postmark. Prisoner was engaged at Woolwich Arsenal. Then they came to the Saturday—the all-important date, Sept. 22. Prisoner left his lodgings at Woolwich about 1.30, wearing a grey suit.

He Rang Up Miss Meadows, the house being connected with the telephone, from Charing Cross, somewhere about four p.m., and had a little conversation with her. He then said he must be off, as they were waiting for him. That evening Mrs. Bennett went out about 6.30 or seven o'clock. The prisoner was seen at the South Quay Distillery about ten o'clock with Mrs. Bennett, his wife. They had a drink, and were seen to leave and proceed in a southerly direction. Now he came to some remarkable evidence. He (the solicitor) would call a young man and a young woman who were on the beach about a quarter to eleven o'clock, and who lay down in a hole, so that they could not be seen. After they had been there a quarter of an hour or ten minutes they saw a man and woman coming from the direction of the New Road down on to the beach.

The Man and Woman were Talking very Loudly. They sat down on the beach about thirty yards from the young man and woman. After a few more minutes the woman was heard to call out. He (the solicitor) would not say what the woman called out, because, when the time came, his friend might object. The young woman drew the young man's attention to this. They both listened, and heard the same thing. The extraordinary part of it was, said Mr. Wiltshire, that nothing was done. The young man did not interfere. He would have to answer for that later on. He and the young woman remained where they were for a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes, and then they got up to go. As they went away the young man passed within five yards of the couple, and he then noticed that the woman was flat on her back. The man with her simply looked up, and nothing was said, the young man and woman going home. After this, said the solicitor for the Crown, it would be proved that the prisoner went to the Crown and Anchor about twelve o'clock at night, took a bed, and caught the 7.20 train to London the next day, after taking his breakfast.

The Body of Mrs. Bennett was found on the beach the next morning at the very spot where the young man and woman said they had seen this couple on the previous night. A silver watch and long gold chain which Mrs. Bennett had been wearing were missing, and there were signs of a struggle. The cause of death was strangulation by someone other than herself. This same day (Sunday) the prisoner was arrested on Nov. 6 there were found at his lodgings the silver watch and gold chain, which belonged to and had been worn by his wife. Then followed evidence as to the finding of the body on the beach, description of the knot used in the mohair lace which was around the neck, and the story of Emma Elliston, the wife of a police-constable, living at Wickham Lane, Plumstead, who said that on May 13 Mrs. Bennett engaged two furnished rooms in her house. She gave her name as Mrs. Bennett. The prisoner arrived the same evening. Mrs. Bennett had her baby with her. Bennett was constantly abusing his wife. During the first week the prisoner appeared to do very little work, and spent his time reading the *Exchange and Mart*. Later the prisoner became employed at the Co-operative Stores at Woolwich. The parties stayed at the witness's house for about six weeks. The night before they left for Bexley there was a quarrel. The prisoner was lying on the floor in the front room.

Addressing His Wife, he said that he would not live any longer with her. His wife replied, "I shall follow you for the sake of the baby, and if you are not careful I shall get you fifteen years." To this the prisoner replied, "I wish you were dead, and if you are not careful you soon will be." The prisoner used to call the child all sorts of hard names. The watch and chain found in the prisoner's room at Woolwich were the same as the woman wore. The witness's baby broke the chain, and some cotton with which it was mended was still in it. On the following day, the 17th inst., the greater part of the sitting was devoted to the examination of Alice Amelia Meadows, the young woman to whom Herbert John Bennett, the prisoner, was engaged to be married at the date of the alleged murder of his wife. Miss Meadows, who is twenty-four years of age, is a person of some attractiveness. Neatly dressed, and of extreme pallor of countenance, she made a pathetic figure in the witness-box, where she was accommodated with a chair. She gave her evidence in a quiet way, but at times, during a trying ordeal, which lasted two hours, had obvious difficulty in controlling her feelings. Her eyes frequently turned to the man in the dock, but there was no suggestion of reproach in her glance. Bennett, for his part, consistently avoided his sweetheart's gaze.

Miss Meadows said that she became acquainted with the prisoner in June last, while she was in service at Hyde Park Terrace. He told her that he was single, and that his family resided at Gravesend. Some time after they first met she remarked to the accused that she was going to Yarmouth for her holiday, but at Bennett's suggestion she agreed to go with him to Ireland instead, and to spend only a day or two at Yarmouth. On the Saturday before August Bank Holiday she went down to Yarmouth in a first-class carriage and stayed with the prisoner at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, occupying a separate room. On the Monday morning she and Bennett came back to town. On Aug. 28 they became engaged, and the prisoner ratified it by presenting her with a diamond and ruby ring. That day they left for Ireland, and stayed there nearly three weeks. The accused had an ample supply of money. He told her that he had been given £700 by his mother. It was about Sept. 9 that they came back to London, and the day following Bennett took her to Woolwich, where he introduced her to Mrs. Parkhurst. On Sept. 20 he saw her outside the house in Hyde Park Terrace where she was employed. He then asked her to excuse him from meeting her, as he was going to see his grandfather at Gravesend with his cousin Fred. He made out that the old gentleman was very ill. She received a letter from him on Sept. 22.

Mr. Wiltshire read parts of this communication, as follows: "I shall go and see grandfather to-morrow, and I wish to hear from you as soon as you can find time to write. My dear, I shall be glad when this writing business ends and I shall have you to welcome me." The letter concluded: "Your loving and affectionate Herbert, with love and kisses." The witness, in further evidence, said that the same day she had a telephone message from Bennett, who told her again that he was going with his cousin Fred to see his grandfather at Gravesend. Next day she was surprised to see him in Hyde Park, and when she asked him how it was that he was there, he replied that he "left Gravesend because he was in the way at his grandfather's." Miss Meadows said that the marriage had been fixed to take place in June next.

Other Letters written by the prisoner to Miss Meadows were read. In one of these he said: "I should like you to come and see me, dearest, to-morrow, if you can possibly, if only for an hour or so. What with the pain, and one thing and another, I feel like going mad." Miss Meadows had been under examination for two hours and a quarter, and fainted as she left the witness-box. At this juncture the hearing was adjourned until Nov. 23. An application was made by Mr. Robb, at the prisoner's request, to secure his child in the custody of his father. The application was refused.

The Prisoner, Bennett. Chief Constable Parker. Mrs. Bennett and Child. Detective Lingwood.

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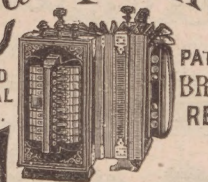

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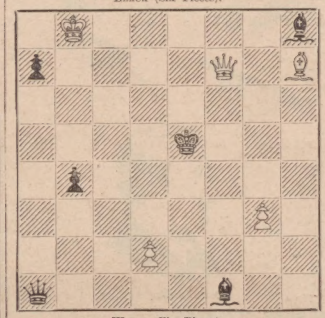
1. Q to B 1st	K to K 5th	2. Kt to B 6th	Mate
1. ,,	P to K 5th	2. Q to Kt 5th	,,
1. ,,	K to B 3rd	2. Q to Q B 4th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 349.—BY B. J. MARR.

BLACK (Six Pieces).



WHITE (Five Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

One of the simultaneous games played by Dr. LASKER and Herr MAROCZY at the South Place Institute.

WHITE (Partners).	BLACK (S. G. Lockcock).	WHITE (Partners).	BLACK (S. G. Lockcock).
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th		Again ingeniously conceived.
2. P to Q 4th	P takes P		Black remains with Bishops of
3. K Kt to B 3rd	B to Kt 5th (ch)		opposite colours.
4. P to B 3rd	P takes P	17. P takes Kt	Q takes Q
5. Kt takes P		18. P takes Q	B to R 6th
The usual continuation is P takes P, which gains a move for White.		The Bishop could have been firmly planted on K 3rd or Q 4th, with strong probability of securing the draw.	
5.	B takes Kt (ch)	19. B to K 3rd	P to B 4th
6. P takes B	Kt to K B 3rd	20. K to Q 2nd	Q R to Q 1st
7. P to K 5th	Kt to K 5th	21. R R to K 1st	P to K R 3rd
8. B to Q B 4th		22. Q R to B 1st.	
Black ought to have played Q Kt to B 3rd or P to Q 3rd before playing K Kt to B 3rd, so as to prevent P to K 5th. The Black Knight is very uncomfortably situated. A stronger move for White would have been 8. B to R 3rd. 8. Q to Q 5th led to nothing, owing to Black's reply of P to K B 4th.		Black now sees what danger he has incurred by not trying for a draw in a conservative fashion. The Pawns are safe with White's Black Bishop on the board. Black cannot avoid giving White the open file for the rook.	
8.	Castles	22.	P takes P
9. Q to Q 4th	P to B 3rd	23. B takes P	P to R 3rd
10. Q takes Kt		24. R to B 7th	
Black's defence is rather ingenious and daring against such opponents. An alternative move for White would have been 10. B to B 4th.		And wins. The losing move was 19. P to B 4th.	
10.	P to Q 4th	24.	R to Q 2nd
11. P takes P (en passe.)	R to K 1st	25. K R to Q B 1	K R to Q 1st
12. B takes P (ch)	K takes B	26. K to K 3rd	R to B 2nd
13. Kt to K 5 (ch)	K to Kt 1st	27. B to Kt 6th	R to K 1st
14. Q to Q 4th	Kt to Q 2nd	28. P to Q 7th	R to Q 1st
15. P to K B 4th	Q to R 5th (ch)	29. R to B 7 (ch)	K to Kt 1st
16. P to Kt 3rd	Kt takes Kt	30. R to Q 4th	R to Kt 7th
		31. P to Q 7th	R to Q 1st
		32. P to K 6th	B to B 3rd
		33. R takes B	P takes R
		34. B takes R	Resigns.

DRAUGHTS.

CORRECT SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 308 from Captain Challice, Q.W.R.

J. MORRIS written to.

C. J. C.—The match between Richard Jordan, champion of Scotland, and C. F. Barker, champion of U.S.A., was finished Nov. 8 last. In all, forty games were played; each player won two, the remainder being drawn, the match thus ending in a draw. Played at Boston, U.S.A

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 310.—By F. J. Maidwell.

Black: 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16.
White: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 31.

White to move, and win.

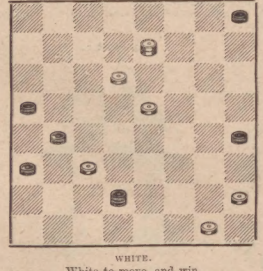
31 27*a*	22 18	25 21	20 2
9—14	14—17	17—22	22—26
18 9	21 14	18 15	23 14
5—14	10—17	11—18	W. Wins.

(*a*) If 31 26, Black wins by 10—14, etc.

PROBLEM No. 311.

BY A. COLLINGS (Northampton).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME No. 262.

Played by correspondence between S. DREWITT (Forest Gate) and T. NOBLE (New Silksworth).

"Ayrshire Lassie" (*).

11—15	21 14	3—10	27 23		21—25
24 20*	6—10	26 23	6—10		31 26
8—11	25 21	18—22	30 26		25—30
28 24	10—17	25 18	11—15		26 22
4—8	21 14	15—22	26 17		30—25
23 19	2—6	23 18	14—21		22 17
9—14	19 10	10—14	32 28		25—21
22 17	6—15	18 9	15—24		
14—18	29 25	5—14	28 19		
17 14	7—10	24 19	8—11		Drawn.
10—17	14 7	1—6	23 18		

S. Drewitt played Black.

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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

UPS AND DOWNS OF FOOTBALL.

At one time it was pretty generally considered that the "glorious uncertainty" belonged almost entirely to cricket, but this season's experiences go to show that football can be productive of a very large number of surprises. Last week Blackheath journeyed to Oxford and back. They had a pleasant enough match, but the home journey was saddened by the reflection that they had been pretty decisively beaten. On Saturday they received a visit from

Cambridge University,

and retired from the Rectory Field full of the satisfaction that comes of success after a hard game. There is the excuse to be offered for the Light Blues' defeat that they were without their usual half-backs, but if it be as was generally conceded, that Cambridge are a much stronger side than Oxford, this should not be sufficient to account for the difference between the two results, the bad weather of Saturday last thrown in. It may be that the Light Blues have gone off a bit, and that Oxford have come on. At any rate, the

Dark Blues

did last week what the sister University failed to do: they beat Monkstown; and their victory over the Harlequins on Saturday was eloquently decisive—four goals and nine tries to nothing. Now all this may, after all, mean little more than that Cambridge are at present experiencing some of the "downs," and their turn for "ups" will come again later. At any rate, it would be somewhat absurd to prognosticate their defeat in the Inter-University match because just at this time the star of Oxford is in the ascendant. A change of fortune has also been experienced by

Richmond.

who have followed up their success over Gloucester with a victory over London Scottish, though in taking the latter result into account one must not forget that the Scottish have not been doing too well this season, and were not at their strongest at Richmond on Saturday. A pronounced success was scored by Old Merchant Taylors over Royal Indian Engineering College; Cardiff beat Gloucester by one try to nothing, Swansea substantially beat Leicester, Marlborough Nomads beat Croydon, and Old Leysians gained a narrow victory over Kensington.

Corinthians beat Southampton.

Queen's Club, like other spots in the South where football was played, was visited by wretched weather, and though the game between the amateurs and Southampton was one of comparatively fast description, it was not of that enjoyable character that it would otherwise have been. The visitors were without Robinson, their clever goalkeeper, and Meston, and though they played up with spirit and determination throughout, they obtained but one goal, while the Corinthians scored three.

The League.

From Saturday's matches Notts Forest and Bolton Wanderers were absent, and with the first-named away, the match between the second on the list, Newcastle United, and Aston Villa, excited most attention, some 20,000 persons visiting the Birmingham centre. The Villa had made some alterations in their team, and played in better form than of late, but they could only make a draw of it, and this notwithstanding that Newcastle were one short the greater portion of the second half. Sunderland had a day out with Stoke, beating them by six goals to one, but Liverpool suffered the mortification of defeat at the hands of Sheffield Wednesday, a result which may be regarded in the light of a surprise. Everton met with success, but Bury went down before Notts County. Manchester City beat Preston North End, who remain at the bottom of the list, and Derby County "swept the floor" with Blackburn Rovers, whose position is little better than that of Preston. In the Second Division, perhaps the most notable thing in connection with recent doings is the advance made by

Woolwich Arsenal.

On Saturday, playing the part of visitors, they beat Glossop, and this victory enabled them to share the honours of third place with Blackpool United and Small Heath. Grimsby Town and Burnley, who head the list, drew respectively with Small Heath and Leicester Fosse. The only Southern League game played was one between Bristol City and Millwall. Though they are the top of the League tree the victory of Bristol City by seven goals to one came as a big surprise.

Tottenham Hotspur v. Portsmouth

was the attraction on Saturday at Tottenham, and some 5000 were drawn to the spot in spite of wind and rain. It was a singularly uneven match that was seen. While the 'Spurs' play seemed altogether unprejudiced by the sloppy condition of the ground, the visitors had much difficulty in raising even the semblance of a gallop, slipping about in hopeless fashion. Following right on top of the start, Tottenham Hotspur scored, and on seven other occasions they attacked successfully. Portsmouth were able to gain one goal only.

The Association Cup.

On Saturday the penultimate round of the qualifying competition was reached, and, consequently, the interest is growing. Richmond Association yet remain of the Southern clubs, as do Luton Town, Reading, and Bristol Rovers. In four matches between Southern clubs the result was a draw.

Monday's Football.

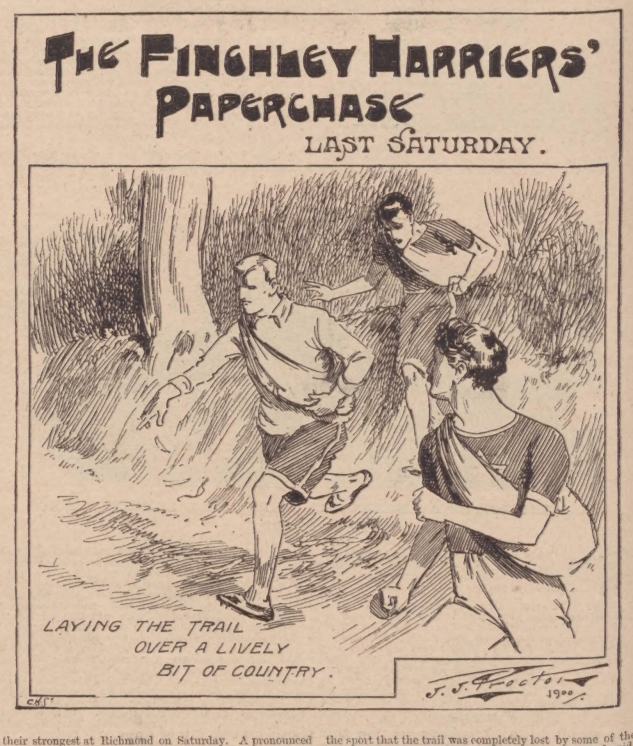
The match at the start of the present week at Cambridge had a much more gratifying result for the University than that of the previous Saturday, and the play throughout with the Edinburgh Academicals was of that character which tends to provoke the feeling that, for fine vigorous exercise nothing can beat "our winter game." Up to successful by two goals to one. In the Association Cup Chatham and Clapton and New Brompton and West Ham United made a second attempt to decide their matches, but the result in each case was again a draw.

A Dominoes Query

sent me is not clear. I will endeavour to answer it next week.

Cross-Country.

While the Cambridge University Hare and Hounds visited South Croydon on Saturday, the Blackheath Harriers went to Oxford. In the case of the former, their match was against the South London Harriers, but, unfortunately, wind, rain, and darkness so interfered with



the sport that the trail was completely lost by some of the competitors on both sides, and the race was declared void. Oxford were more fortunate, and they followed up their victory over Thames H. and H. by beating Blackheath by 18 points to 37.

BANSHEE.

THE PENNY LAWYER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

BEW.—Unless B could be held to be the servant of A, A would not be liable.

J. S. A.—The executors would have to give notice.

B. M. D. F.—The rent would probably be demanded.

INQUIRENS.—You are only liable to pay at the rate of one shilling in the pound from April 6, 1900, and at the previous rate of eightpence in the pound up to that date.

B. R. B.—The guardians would appear to be liable.

FERNLEAVES.—(1) You could sue for the amount of the cheque, but they would probably counterclaim for the debt. (2) Police-court proceedings, we fear, are the only remedy.

JUSTICE.—If you have witnesses to prove the driver's negligence you might obtain damages; but they would possibly say that you could have dismounted within the fifty yards.

H. B. G. P.—You should see a solicitor upon the matter. You do not appear to have been well treated.

FORTY YEARS' SUBSCRIBER.—This is a question of fact, and not of law. This question could only be answered after perusal of the will.

H. J. THOMAS.—Return the coat and demand the money.

G. A. THOMAS.—The bank could sue for the £20.

BRIDGLAND.—Sue in County Court.

C. E.—(1) If your agent had the book only for production, he must return it to you. (2) You should inquire at the Court.

E. F. M.—The Committee do not assess on the rent paid, but on the annual value.

ENGINEER.—You cannot claim anything. We hope your son will soon return.

EALING.—To you and other correspondents put out because they could not secure their copies of *The Penny Illustrated Paper* I can only say—do as I do: give your newsagent a standing order to supply the *P.I.P.* regularly every Friday morning. Don't leave it to chance to get one.

OTHER REPLIES in next week's *P.I.P.*

LEX.

Severe Cold on the Chest.

Misery to breathe, but was cured in a few days by Scott's Emulsion.

JAMES LISTE.
(From a Photograph.)

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A Boon to Dyspeptics.

(Quoted from "The Lady.")

"In these high-pressure days, when men and women alike have to work incessantly with brain and hand to hold their own in the great battle of life, it is the exception rather than the rule to find anyone who does not suffer from that insidious and most distressing complaint—Dyspepsia—in one form or another. The most general symptoms of this disease—for it invariably develops into a disease if its progress remains unchecked—is Loss of Appetite on most occasions, varied by craving desires for food which is extremely indigestible; fearful Depression of Spirits, together with various aches and pains in nearly every part of the body; the digestive organs refuse to perform their offices in a perfect manner, and, if neglected, the result is too often apparent in the contraction of cancer or tumour in the Stomach, abscess on the Liver, and many serious internal complications. The great remedies for these evils, if taken when Dyspepsia has not yet assumed its later, and, in fact, fatal phases, are a really good tonic and a careful diet, combined with sensible health precautions; but hitherto no entirely satisfactory tonic for Dyspepties has been discovered, as most preparations of the kind contain iron or quinine in some form, which, though valuable preparations in many cases, are devoid of digestive qualities. The preparation known as Guy's Tonic is, however, a wonderfully efficacious remedy. It is entirely free from iron, and therefore does not induce Constipation, a most important consideration. It contains no quinine, either, but is composed of simple Vegetable tinctures from the British Pharmacopœia, and is prepared from the formula of a distinguished London Physician. It is more than a tonic, as besides strengthening the whole Nervous System and correcting a Sluggish Liver, it assists the process of Digestion in a very great degree; moreover, it is pleasant to take."

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"I feel it only right for me to let you know the great benefit I and my daughter have derived from taking Guy's Tonic. I have found it all your little pamphlet says. I have recommended Guy's Tonic to several of my friends, and shall continue to do so whenever an opportunity occurs."

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Mr. G. A. Lewcock, of 4, Birnam Road, Tollington Park, N., writes on October 17, 1900—

"Guy's Tonic has considerably improved my Wife's Health. I wish we had tried it sooner."

"When Run Down."

Mr. Wm. Thompson, of Trott's Hall Farm, Sittingbourne, writes on October 16, 1900—

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We all want to know what is best for us to eat, especially if we can make the knowledge fit in with our own taste and desires for special and appetising food. So many things are classed as indigestible and as overburdening the Liver that the man or woman with a Digestion not too strong, and with a Liver already somewhat too sluggish in its movements, is very frequently compelled to reluctantly discard a dainty dish for fear it may disagree. The persons who are thus affected are very numerous, and it is not too much to say that in every family where there are many members, that one at least—probably more—will be swayed by the feelings and disabilities now under consideration.

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When you are Run Down Guy's Tonic is Beneficial.

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CHAPTER I.

"SHE'LL not come! She cares nothing for me. How can she? How can any woman care for such a reckless, unlucky beggar as I am?"

But scarcely had these words of self-depreciation trembled unspoken on his lips when a 'bus stopped within a few yards of him, and nimbly descending the steps from the top, a young girl—a familiar figure to him—appeared in sight.

The revulsion of feeling was almost overwhelming. He rushed forward to give her his hand to assist her down, and as he caught her in his arms and she alighted to the ground she felt that he was trembling.

"How he loves me!" she thought, with a sigh. "Poor Bob!"

"I'm sorry I'm late, Bob," she said, "but I couldn't get away from business sooner. Where shall we go—to Hyde Park?"

"Oh, no; it always gives me the dumps to see all the wealth and grandeur there. How would you like to take a 'bus to the Euston Road and go on the top of a tram to Hampstead Heath?"

"And watch those poor horses dragging up that awful hill this hot afternoon? No, thanks. I want to be happy to-day. I don't want to see anything that will make my heart ache."

"You've got a kind heart, Lucy, but it never aches for me."

"Oh, yes, it does—sometimes."

He coloured slightly.

"When—when I've been drinking. But that's all past and done with now. I am going to keep straight for your sake. Oh, Lucy, if only I were rich——"

"What would you do?"

"Well, the first thing I would buy would be a marriage license——"

She stopped him with a laugh and a peremptory gesture.

"Oh, you are always thinking of getting married. Now if I had money do you know what I would do?"

"No."

"I'd go straight down to the Elephant and Castle and buy a red spotted frock I saw in one of the shop-windows yesterday. Oh, Bob, it was just lovely! I've thought of nothing else since I saw it. Let's go and have a look at it. I'm so afraid it will be gone."

They were soon walking along the long line of shops where Lucy had seen the frock that had taken her fancy, and at last she stopped suddenly, her gaze transfixed. There it was! Not sold! Although she knew that she could not afford to purchase it herself, it was a relief, at any rate, to find that it had not yet passed into the possession of any other woman. She stood still looking at it with admiring eyes.

"Oh, Bob, isn't it lovely? I do wish it was mine. It would suit me so well, too. But what is the good of wishing?" She turned away with an impatient sigh. "I can't have it, so it's no use longing for it."

"Yes, I'll buy it for you," he said in resolute tones. "I'll buy it, if I have to steal the money."

"Oh, come away!" she cried. "You are growing quite desperate; I am sorry I brought you down to the shops. They only make one miserable and discontented. Let's go and have a cup of coffee at the British Tea Table. We can afford that, at any rate."

Next day he might have been seen wandering aimlessly to and fro opposite to the Midland Bank in Tottenham Court Road. Presently the folding-doors swung wide open, and a lady handsomely and fashionably attired emerged. She paused for a minute or two on the wide side-pavement and glanced up and down as though waiting for an omnibus.

One came at last, and as she moved towards it she gently patted the right side of her richly embroidered gown as though to reassure herself that the contents of her pocket were quite safe. That gesture, simple as it was, told Bob the exact position where her treasure was hidden. He ran after the omnibus, leapt on to the footboard, and sank, breathless, into a seat by her side.

CHAPTER II.

THE STORY CONTINUED BY THE COUNTRY SHOPMAN.

For several weeks I had been in London, looking out for a situation, when at last a friend of mine secured a berth for me in the establishment of Jarret and Co., general drapers and costumiers.

I thought myself exceptionally fortunate, and found the work more interesting than I had expected. The first two months passed without any incident of importance occurring; but one day, just as I was finishing dressing upstairs in my room, for I slept on the premises, one of my mates came for me, and said with peculiar emphasis—

"Tom, there's a gentleman downstairs waiting to see you."

I thought his manner rather strange, but he hurried away and gave me no time to question him; so I made haste to finish my toilet, and went down to the shop, where I found one of the managers talking seriously to a tall, dark-looking man, who, I was soon informed, was a detective.

"Do you know anything about this, eh?" asked, fixing his eyes in a decidedly uncomfortable manner on my face.

For a moment I felt too flurried to answer.

"Do you know that this note has been stolen?"

"I know that I did not steal it!" I interrupted indignantly.

"Your signature is on the back of it, under the address of the customer who presented the note. The address, of course, is fictitious. Can you remember what the man was like?"

"Let me think," I said. I sank down on the nearest chair and buried my face in my hands. I was trembling in every limb, and found it almost impossible to concentrate my thoughts.

"I have it!" I cried. "That note was given to me by a fair-complexioned young man who bought a red spotted frock, which he said he wanted for a birthday present for his sweetheart. The entry for it—18s. 9d.—is in my book. You will find it in the recess there behind the counter."

"Would you know the man again?"

"Yes, I think I would. He was a good-looking young fellow, but had rather a dissipated appearance. But the frock would be more easily traced. It was a conspicuous pattern, and would be noticeable in a crowd." The detective seemed struck with a sudden idea. "Come," he said, "you are the only witness we have; you will have to be examined before a magistrate. And then you must help me to work out the case."

Well, three nights in the week after this I met the detective by appointment, and together we went to various places of amusement. But one Saturday afternoon, as we were standing on the gallery at the Aquarium, looking down at the people promenading below, the detective suddenly clutched my arm.

"There's a young woman with a red-and-white frock," he said. "Is it the one? Now be careful; remember this is a very serious case. Look at it well before you answer."

"There's no need to look twice," I answered. "That's the frock, and that young man walking by her side is the man who bought it."

So that was the end of my "holiday." I got my expenses paid, and the young fellow, who eventually confessed that he had stolen the lady's purse, got two years.

CHAPTER III.

In a quiet little street off Hampstead Road there is a row of small houses which are chiefly sub-let as furnished apartments, and in the second floor back of one of these a young man sat in an attitude of deep dejection.

A letter lay open on the floor, where he had thrown it in a burst of passion and despair. He took it up and read it again as if to convince himself that his wretched thoughts were actually true.

"Dear Bob,—I was surprised to receive your letter. After having fallen so low I wonder you had the courage to write to any girl. I could have forgiven your drinking, but a thief I could never marry. Besides, you know time changes most people's feelings. Since you went away I have got someone else to care for me, and I am to be married in three weeks. Trusting your penitence is real,

"Yours no more,

"LUCY."

Again the paper fluttered from the unhappy man's fingers, and with a deep groan his head sank on his breast, his hands fell listlessly by his side. He staggered rather than walked to the little iron bedstead in a corner of the room and threw himself face downwards on its pile of pillows.

For some minutes he remained in that despondent position, but at length he lifted a white, haggard face, and drew from under the mattress a large flat bottle, and drank glass after glass of the cherry-coloured liquid it contained, till all the objects in the room became a blurred indistinct mass, and memory a blank.

But the god Bacchus, to whom he had appealed for strength and comfort, only hastened his end. The time came when he thought he saw evil spirits in his room—a devil on every bedpost—riding, dancing, mocking, and stretching out its arms towards him. So far as he could see, the place was peopled with them—hundreds, thousands, myriads. Their eyes were like flashes of fire, their arms were long and fleshless. The boldest and most active seemed to have the face of the man he had seen at the Aquarium—the detective in search of him—a ghastly, horrible-looking thing, pointing at him with one long, bony finger like an accusing demon.

"Lucy!"

"Poor Bob!"

A respite from the terrible nightmare had come at last. For one brief second he was conscious and saw a woman—the woman he loved—bending over him with the tenderest compassion shining in her eyes.

"I heard that you were ill—dying!" she said, with a little catch of the breath, like a sob, "and I couldn't stay away. Bob, after all I love you—and forgive you."

"Thank God!"

Then he turned his face to the wall and closed his eyes. He was quiet and still. There was no need to hold him now. He slept. But he never woke again.

THE END.

WITH THE "LADY'S COMPANION" Xmas No. is given an Artistic Coloured Plate, and the gratis Pattern of a smart Evening Bodice. Contains commencement of a new serial by Winifred Graham, author of "The Star Child," entitled "Fame's Fascination"; a complete story, "With the Christmas Chimes," by Dorothea Corbould, author of "A Soldier of the Queen"; Illustrations of Evening Dresses and Wraps; How to Decorate for Christmas; the Christmas Dinner; Letters from a Hospital Nurse; Lessons in Dressmaking, Cookery, Fancy Work; Children's Corner, &c., &c. Of all Newsvendors, 2d. or 3d. post free. R. S. CARTWRIGHT, Johnson's Court, Fleet Street.—[ADVT.]

Rosalind's Fashions.

EAGULLS have been the special victims of the millinery raiders among the feathered tribes of late, and the poor birds would be well advised to live their "life on the ocean wave" as far as possible from the death-dealing shore just now. Whole hat and toque shapes are being built of gulls' feathers, with wings and several heads as trimming. Boas, too, are being made of grey mousseline flecked over with gulls' feathers and with many heads placed at intervals—a barbarous mode indeed. Evening cloaks are also profusely garnished with the same feathers and with heads and wings; and altogether the members of

FUR, LACE, AND VELVET HAT.

the Society for the Protection of Birds have good cause to exert themselves in their humane crusade.

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A Smart Hat makes its bow in Fig. 1, combining the three much-favoured items—lace, velvet, and fur. This is a toque shape, with an upturned brim of "Esterhazy" velvet, over which is draped a dainty cream lace. The crown, of the same velvet prettily draped, has a roll of sable round the base, and on the left side, brought up rather high, is a smartly arranged chou of lace, velvet, and a couple of sable tails. The hairdressing of the hour is so far unchanged, the mode being still *à la* Pompadour, *coiffure* round the face, and drawn well to the top of the head in a top-knot of very modest dimensions. For evening wear, more decoration is being countenanced than has of late been the case, and this takes the form of a butterfly velvet bow, a snake of brilliants coiled round the top-knot, a dagger with diamond hilt run through the same, or a flower, by preference a chrysanthemum or dahlia.

AN EMPIRE COAT.

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A Pretty "Picture" Toilette for a dainty little woman is sketched in Fig. 2. This comprises a coat of red frieze, cut Empire fashion, with a band brought round under the armpits and buttoned on the left side, to where the coat wraps over. Big collar-revers of black astrachan finish the neck, and the sleeves turn up at the elbow with the same over long under-sleeves to the knuckles—cosily tucked away in a muff of astrachan. A big hat of red felt, trimmed with a big bow of black ribbon and a black ostrich-tip, is tied on with black ribbon strings in a big bow under the rosy cheek—completing a thoroughly cosy, stylish, and picturesque "all-together" for winter walks.

BROWN FRIEZE CLOTH GOWN.

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A Gown of Brown Frieze Cloth is the subject chosen as my model in Fig. 3. The skirt here is simply ornamented by a strapping of the frieze round the hem; the bodice, a plain, pouched one, with a waist-tie of brown velvet, is worn under a bolero of the same, edged with sable. The velvet sleeves turn back with an edging of the sable below the elbow, full sleeves of brown of the frieze being finished by a wristband of the brown velvet. Further items in this sketch consist of a muff of the velvet, edged with sable, and tied with brown velvet bébé ribbon ending in gold tags; a brown velvet hat, trimmed with light-brown feather choux on either side, and like the muff) lined with white satin and one of the newest boas—a very big ruffle of chiffon edged with bébé ribbon velvet, long velvet ends terminating in gold tags.

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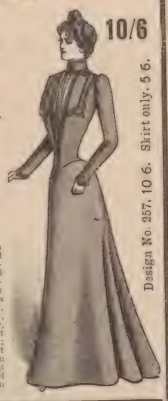

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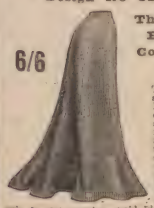

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

MUCH has been written lately respecting the length of jackets for this season. Although many short ones will be seen, there is no doubt that the fashionable length for the coming winter will be according to my Illustration. This stylish jacket, which recently appeared in the *Illustrated London News*, is made of cloth, with large sable collar and cuffs, and trimmed with strappings and appliqué down the front and over the bust. The hat is of velvet to match the coat, with bright-coloured panne folded round the crown, and plumes of two shades of brown.

The Reign of the Button

has begun. Every kind and size of button is in vogue. There are some so big that you can see them across the largest room and the widest road, and others so minute that, even when you are close to them, they look like little points of light, or very bright small eyes. These little buttons are used to fasten down the ends of the many strappings of velvet or ribbon which ornament the bodices of the newest frocks. All kinds of appliqué trimmings are very much in favour, and gold and silver ribbons are to be seen on black and dark-coloured gowns.

Lace is More Worn

even than last year, and black and white lace, mixed, is very effective upon some evening dresses. The sleeve which becomes wider and shorter towards the wrist is likely to last through the winter, and it has led to the coat-sleeves being also wide at the bottom, but not short. Underneath the dress-sleeve is a little puff of white; it should not be too long or too full, but if the fashion lasts on until next summer, we may expect to see many variations of this pretty new fashion.

Hand-Painted Silks

are selling for evening dresses, but they are very expensive. Pretty, certainly, but not within reach of shallow purses. I think I have said before that skirts are fuller than they were some months ago; but I get many letters with the anxious query, "Are we to have more room to move in our gowns?" I have seen skirts with broad box-pleats at the back, or with several rows of gathers, or a number of little pleats, but never plain and flat. I am told that sealskin is not as fashionable as it was last year. Why, I cannot tell, for it is the prettiest of all furs, and not nearly as clumsy as

The Popular Caracul.

A correspondent, who says she is very fair, with very light brown hair, asks me to tell her what colour she should choose for her new winter gown. She has been advised to get blue or green. She has a pretty tint of red in her cheeks. I should say a seal-brown would be the right thing. Very fair women, with bright colouring, make a great mistake when they wear green, and I notice that ruddy-complexioned people are very fond of it. It does not tone them down; it makes them look redder than they did before. A brown velvet toque with pale yellow upon it ought to look well with the brown frock. A very judicious shade of red might be chosen, and with it a black velvet hat is the thing. If there is red in the hair the brown will look well, but not as well as if the hair is bright, light brown, a warm tint, without a trace of flaxen or carrots. There is a dark or pale, clear complexion, and light-brown hair, which go well with powder-blue, electric, or pale blue; and I have seen a girl with dark eyes and hair and a pale, clear complexion who looked her best in pale blue shot with white—what I call blue with a bloom upon it.

I have very often been asked where knitted undergarments can be bought—not combinations and vests, but knickers for cycling and walking. Very nice knitted wool knickers can now be had at Stagg and Mantle's, Leicester Square. I have not worn them myself, as

I Prefer "Kals"

to any other knickers I have tried, but for those who like knitted underwear I should say that those sold by Stagg and Mantle would be just the thing. This is the time to buy a "Hart Cycling Costume," as Messrs. Hart and Son are making up and selling their celebrated cycling skirts and complete costumes, during December and January, at 20 per cent. under the usual price, in order to keep their excellent staff of cutters and workers fully employed during the dead season. Address for particulars to Hart and Son, 181 to 186, Regent Street, London, W.

A correspondent asks me if I have used "Spiritine," the new

Solidified Spirit Fuel,

which is intended to supersede methylated spirit for heating curling-tongs, boiling kettles at odd times, and when travelling, etc. No. I have not used it; but I mean to do so one day; and I have been told that it is very satisfactory. Non-explosive, I hope, for there have been nasty accidents with the methylated stuff.

I think my readers would probably like to have

A Recipe or Two

from the cookery-book I mentioned last week. Here is one for dressing "rice and peas." Put the rice in a saucepan with three times the quantity of gravy or water—if you have a cupful of rice, that is, add three of water or gravy. Let it swell gradually; add a piece of good sweet beef or goose dripping about the size of a walnut. To prepare the peas for the rice, fry first some finely shred onions in the best salad oil—about a tablespoonful will be enough—with pepper, salt, a minute portion of ground ginger, and nutmeg. Put the heart and the best leaves of a cos-lettuce at the bottom of the stew-pan with a quart of very young peas. Add a pint of gravy or stock, and stew gently. A very

Little White Sugar

is always a great improvement to peas, and a little might be added to the stew, but not too much. The rice and peas are to be served together, peas in the middle and rice in a wall round them, and the rice must have every grain separate and yet be

Fully Cooked.

And the following for dressing cold calf's head is excellent: Cut up the remains of the head into equal pieces; steep them for half an hour on a plate with salt, pepper, oil, vinegar, and chopped parsley. A few minutes before serving drain the pieces, dip them separately in frying-batter, and plunge them into a bath of boiling fat until they are crisp. Arrange the pieces in a pyramid upon a dish covered with a napkin, and surrounded

With Fried Parsley.

I should like to warn my readers against

Pro-Boer Literature,

which is now being circulated in England. People are not to be blamed for showing sympathy with the Boers, if they see fit, but nothing can justify them for spreading, or causing to be spread, accusations which they know to be false about our soldiers and officers, who have been only too kind and good to a somewhat cunning and not too courageous enemy. The fact that Kruger himself left his aged wife to the care and protection of the British when he deserted his post, and that General Louis Botha left his handsome young wife behind in Pretoria shows plainly enough that both knew their wives were safe under the British flag.

Mrs. Lucas Meyer

was also left in the capital, from which the Boers fled in confusion at the approach of Lord Roberts, and all the women with their children, who were sent away to their husbands, were given rations for five days and a good escort to take care of them. Not a woman or child has suffered wilfully at our hands since the war began, and no houses have been wilfully looted. The white-flag treachery has been punished by the burning of farms, and quite right too, for such a breach of the laws of warfare could not have been overlooked.

I should like to say a few words about the very beautiful appeal which was recently issued by

Lord Roberts to the People of England

on behalf of "my comrades," as he calls the soldiers who have served under him in South Africa. He is the first Commander-in-Chief, I think, who has called the soldiers "comrades." In this appeal he begs that the friends and admirers of the Army will not give the men drink when they return

Home from the War.

It is not; he says, right or kind to tempt the men; the brave fellows do not, naturally, like to refuse, and the result too often is that, after a glass from this friend, and a glass from that, they get drunk and know not what they do. I hope with all my heart that the kind and courteous words of "Bobs," whom we all love, will be taken to heart by the people and obeyed to the letter. His appeal has been printed on a poster and distributed among the people in those parts of London where hospitality may outrun discretion, and I have no doubt it will have a good effect. The return of the good little man himself has been delayed by the illness of his daughter, and everyone hopes that he will not have to bear the sorrow of losing another child. I have just seen a new

Cookery Book

published by Blackwood and Son, called "French Cookery for English Homes." The price is two shillings and sixpence, and the recipes seem to be excellent. There is a chapter on "Eggs and Farinaceous" dishes, in which the recipes appear to combine economy with

A FASHIONABLE JACKET.

tastiness. I am very much puzzled about an envelope, containing a card written by me, to the effect that I had written for an address and would forward it as soon as it reached me. The envelope containing this card is addressed to a lady at Brixton. Is it to her I am to forward the address of a Home about which I have written in the *P.I.P.*?

Now for some timely verses by Winifred E. Heard—

Scent of the Pinewoods.

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The sun shines brightly after rain this fair sweet autumn day,
And I have passed the meadows where the lovely pine-woods lay;
And unto me a fragrance sweet as scent from summer flowers,
Is wafted by the autumn wind from over woodland bowers.

How many days return again that memory reveres;
The many dear ones passed away, the joy and pain of years;
The sunny days of early spring, the may-trees' spotless snow,
The days of June with woodbine sweet and roses all ablow.

Again we part to meet no more, my love—time's steps are fleet;
Long years seem little, but a day since in that fair retreat
We parted, darling, you and I, while sweet the wild birds call.
And here and there from lofty trees pine-needles sway and fall.

And now, while breathing this sweet scent, the old times come again;
Time cannot steal from memory one hour of joy or pain.
You sleep, my love, untroubled, sleep where darkening pine-trees rise,
And I can only watch the stars and think them angel-eyes.

MARGUERITE.

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is one of the handiest things imaginable. During the forenoon the tired mother will find a cup of Bovril a wonderful reviver and strengthener when she is "fagged out." A spoonful of Bovril will give flavour and substance to the soup or entrée when she is cooking.

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BOVRIL

makes contented cooks.

The "P.I.P." Farmer.

BY A FRESH HAND.

Salad Plants.

THE time has now arrived when some of the salad-ings must be housed. There is a very large variety from which to choose, and whilst some growers do very well out of celeriac, of which I give an Illustration, others swear by chervil, chives, salsify—the latter, by the way, should be housed now—and shallots. Of these the bulbous-rooted chervil is one of the most popular. This produces a clean tap-root the size of a small horn carrot, which, when boiled and served with butter and pepper, forms an agreeable dish to accompany a chop or steak, the flavour

CELERIAC.

being like a new potato, with a trace of sugary sweetness. If eaten raw it is perfectly wholesome, and has a nutty flavour which will commend it to the majority of palates, though, like all other eatables, it may here and there be objected to. The culture of this valuable esculent is the same as for the carrot, with the exception that it may remain in the ground all the winter, being one of the hardiest of kitchen crops in cultivation. If stored in sand the roots may be preserved six months.

The Goldfinch.

The goldfinch is one of our most beautifully plumaged birds. The general colour of the body is brown, gradually lightening in hue towards and at the breast and rump; the under parts are white; the wings are bright black, with a blaze of brilliant yellow; the top of the head and the nape of the neck are black; ear coverts and cheeks white; the forehead and throat are of a most gorgeous scarlet; the tail is black; legs flesh-colour. The nest is cup-shaped, and made of moss and lichens, lined with horse or cow hair and soft feathers. The eggs are four or five in number—generally five. They are greenish-white, marbled with bluish-brown. If the eggs of the goldfinch are mixed up with those of the serinfinch or the siskin, it will be found that, unless they are of an aberrant type, it will be impossible to distinguish them, and it will only be by their smaller size that they can be sorted out from greenfinch or linnet eggs. As aviary pets they are much more to be desired than the bullfinch, as there are instances of goldfinches surviving in captivity for more than twenty-five years. As they are very fond of exercise, more so even than bullfinches, the larger the cage is the better. If the cage be small the goldfinch, being a restless bird, will spend most of its time on the floor wires, holding on with its beak and feet, and beating its wings against the wires until they are torn and broken. The cage should never be smaller than 18 in. or 20 in. long, and of a proportionate height and breadth. There should be three perches, placed at various heights, in order that the bird may have plenty of opportunities for hopping from one to another. The seed-vessels and water-tins are most convenient to the bird when they are placed inside the cage and not outside. Many birds persistently refuse to touch seed and water if they have to place their heads through small holes in the wires. The fashion of having

THE GOLDFINCH.

the food-tins outside is purely an English one. Few people know it, but hemp-seed is the very finest diet goldfinches can have.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Care of Apple-Trees.

Grubby fruit is very common this year, caused by the dry weather in the spring at the time the fruit was forming. A tree can be pruned as soon as the leaves are off it.

Chicken-Rearing.

A good all-round book on poultry is the one published by Mr. G. Watmough, Idle, Bradford. It is, I think, 1s. 6d. post-free.

Clearing a Barn.

The best thing would be to have your barn thoroughly fumigated. You don't mention what the insects are. See above for a reply to the question on pruning.

Potato-Planting.

Have the ground thoroughly cleared before planting other potatoes, but do not use salt. I daresay some of the damage was caused by our having so much dry weather in the spring. Seed potatoes should always be good and sound.

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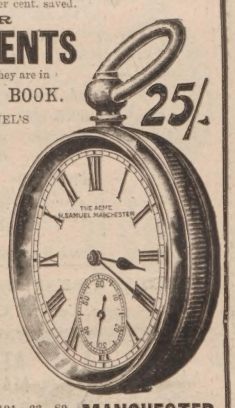

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Morny Cannon,

the latter's cars must often have tingled if he could hear what people said about him. It really is a wonderfully fine thing for a man placed in such a position as a great jockey occupies to be held in such high estimation.

Brother Kemmy

to: I never heard his good faith called into question. Kempton is riding very well indeed just now. His was a capital performance on Friday week, when he squeezed Innocence through and

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The Fight Between Lester Reiff and Sam Loates

has been keenly followed. When you come to think of it, Reiff's getting to the top of the tree while being handicapped by his high weight is quite wonderful. It is not exactly holiday-work this racing for the lead in the list of winning jockeys. Some who could hardly help going in for the competition were always glad when the season was over. It means sticking to work all through the latter part (at least) of the working weeks and missing the easier, which so help to keep a horseman going.

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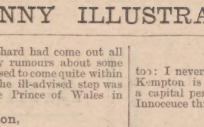
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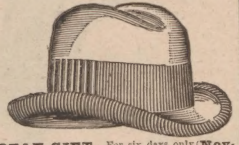

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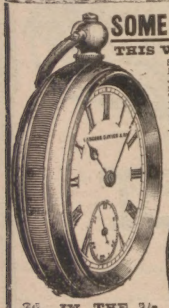

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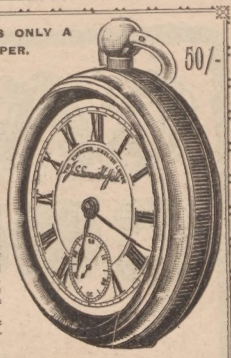

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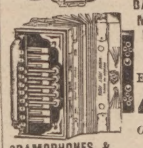

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